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Chairman: Mr. Amano ..... (Japan)

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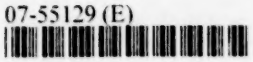

The meeting was called to order at 6.45 p.m.

Report on the results of the session to the next session of the Preparatory Committee
(NPT/CONF.2010/PC.I/CRP.3)

1. **The Chairman** drew attention to the draft report of the Preparatory Committee on the work of its session (NPT/CONF.2010/PC.I/CRP.3) and suggested that the Preparatory Committee should adopt it in groups of 10 paragraphs.

Paragraphs 1 to 10

2. **The Chairman** read out a series of oral amendments to paragraphs 1 to 10.

3. *Paragraphs 1 to 10 were adopted, as amended.*

Paragraphs 11 to 20

4. **The Chairman** read out a series of oral amendments to paragraphs 11 to 20 and said that the Committee would need to request the Secretariat to prepare cost estimates and make them available for consideration by the Committee at its next session. The costs of the Review Conference and its preparatory process would be borne by the States parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT); there would be no financial implications for the regular budget of the United Nations. He had been advised by the Secretariat that the services required for the sessions of the Preparatory Committee and the Conference itself could not be provided by the Secretariat unless the necessary funds were received in advance.

5. If there was no objection, he would take it that the Committee wished to request the Secretariat to provide for its second session an estimate of the costs of the 2010 Review Conference, including its Preparatory Committee.

6. *It was so decided.*

7. *Paragraphs 11 to 20 were adopted, as amended.*

Paragraph 21

8. **The Chairman** announced that paragraph 21 of the draft report had been deleted.

Annex I

9. **The Chairman** read out an oral amendment to annex I.

10. *Annex I was adopted, as amended.*

11. **The Chairman** said that annex II to the draft report had been deleted.

12. *The draft report of the Preparatory Committee as a whole, as amended, was adopted.*

13. **Mr. Lüdeking** (Germany), speaking on behalf of the European Union, said that the unjustifiable objections raised by one delegation had delayed the adoption of the Preparatory Committee's agenda and the conclusion of its proceedings. Nevertheless, that should not detract from the constructive spirit that had characterized the statements made in the general debate, in the three clusters and on specific issues. The Chairman's factual summary, which would be issued as a working paper, would be a useful reference for subsequent sessions of the Preparatory Committee. He assured the Chairman of the next session, Mr. Yarachenko of Ukraine, of the European Union's full support in his work.

14. **Mr. Ford** (United States of America) said he shared the previous speaker's frustration with the difficulty experienced by States parties in making the session the success that it had become. Unfortunately, the Chairman's summary inadequately reflected the amount of reasoned, well-merited criticism that the Islamic Republic of Iran had faced owing to its violations of the Treaty, its safeguards obligations and its obligations under numerous Security Council resolutions. On the whole, however, that summary was not so inaccurate a record as to merit opposition.

15. **Mr. Dobelle** (France) said that, while he was aware of the difficulty of reflecting in a balanced manner the views of all delegations, including those which sought to strengthen the Treaty, he regretted that his delegation's positions on a number of points were not reflected in the document.

Closure of the session

16. After an exchange of courtesies, in which **Ms. Coicochea Estenóz** (Cuba), on behalf of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, **Mr. Soltanieh** (Islamic Republic of Iran), **Mr. Duncan** (United Kingdom), on behalf of the Group of Western

European and Other States, **Mr. Bertoncelj** (Slovenia), on behalf of the Group of Eastern European States and **Mr. Cheng** Jingye (China) took part, the Chairman declared the first session of the Preparatory Committee closed.

The meeting rose at 7.15 p.m.